



June 28, 2022

The Honorable Paul Tonko
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David B. McKinley
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
United States House of Representatives
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Tonko, McKinley, Pallone, and McMorris Rodgers,

On behalf of the Aluminum Association and its member companies, I am writing to express our support for Rep. McKinley's H.R. 8183, *"the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act."*

The Aluminum Association represents the U.S. aluminum industry across the entire value chain. Recycling, or secondary production, is a critical part of that value chain with 80% of U.S. production today coming from recycled aluminum. Aluminum is the most profitable item in the recycling bin and often makes the collection of less-valuable materials possible. While aluminum cans are recycled at far higher rates than glass or plastic, these rates have fallen below 50% in recent years. In industrial markets, aluminum recycling rates remain over 90%.

The Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act will make crucial recycling infrastructure investments in communities that have long been underserved. About 75% of all aluminum ever produced is still in use today – but more work must be done. In order to reduce our energy use, improve our environment, and reduce the over \$800 million of aluminum sent to landfills each year, we must utilize innovative policy solutions like those put forward in this bill to drive a true circular economy for aluminum.

We appreciate the leadership you have shown in considering this bipartisan, bicameral legislation and welcome the opportunity to assist you in advancing these priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Representative Mikie Sherrill